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Dear Governor Cooper,

The News and Observer ran an editorial yesterday that clearly expressed the main reasons why you should continue to hold the line against the Atlantic Coast Pipeline. These reasons include

- Construction of the pipeline takes North Carolina's energy development in the wrong direction. We can and should be shifting to renewable sources of energy. Every dollar spent on non-renewable energy is a dollar less we have for the development of renewables.
- The extraction and transmission of natural gas is a serious source of methane (through both leaks and deliberate venting), which is a much more potent green-house gas than carbon dioxide.
- Duke/Dominion is guaranteed a rate of return (from customers) on the construction of the pipeline. I object to my rates going up for this environmentally unsound construction.

I couldn't say it any better than the editorial did, so I will close by quoting the N&O:

What's in eastern North Carolina's best interest with regard to energy sources is the same as what's in the world's best interest. Build more wind turbines and solar arrays and encourage the rapidly improving battery technology for storing solar power. Those steps – not running a 50-foot wide swath through eastern North Carolina for the pipeline – represent the best path for the state's energy future.

I urge you to do all you can to stop the Atlantic Coast Pipeline and set North Carolina on the path to renewable energy that will not exacerbate global warming.

Sincerely yours,
Helen Wolfson

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